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### **Youth Livestock Committee Gives Helping Hand**

Move in day at the State Fair of Texas® was easier than most fairs throughout the state. The usual wait to unload is about three hours which is great compared to some, according to Gary Holder a fair exhibitor who has been attending the fair for roughly 27 years.

The Youth Livestock Committee once called the Branding Crew is the reason the State Fair of Texas unloading is as quick as it is. The committee was created 20 years ago by Pastor Dual Woodruff to help brand the steers for the premium sale.

The committee began with members from a church in Mesquite, Texas. It now consists of over 250 volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds. Atmos Energy is a major source of volunteers along with many other companies from the Dallas area.

For about 12 years the committee has been doing more around the fair than just branding cattle for the premium sale. Noticing that the need for help unloading exhibitors tack was increasing and the amount of volunteers growing, the committee began helping exhibitors by unloading and loading tack upon their arrival.

The committee now consists of over 250 volunteers who do a wide range of activities anywhere from handing out fair shirts to youth, goat costume contests, to the “little hands on the farm” exhibit.

Daryl Real, the Vice President of the Agricultural/Livestock Department said, “We could not run the fair without them, they are an integral and vital part.”

The fair has over 277- acres of City Park and is just east of downtown Dallas. In recent years, the fair has attracted over 100,000 visitors over the 24-day run and 3,500 exhibitors. Without the help of volunteers like the Youth Livestock Committee the fair would not be the success it is today.

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